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Man Sentenced to Prison for Stealing Vehicle, Fatal Car Crash

A Cerritos man accused of stealing a car, which resulted in the death of a passenger, pleaded no contest and was sentenced to prison today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Nolan Campbell, 37, pleaded no contest to one felony count each of vehicular manslaughter and unlawful driving or taking of a vehicle in case NAO97587.

The defendant was immediately sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Richard R. Romero to nine years in state prison.

Prosecutors said on Nov. 24, 2013, Campbell stole a vehicle and led police on a car chase. During the pursuit, the defendant ran two stop signs and was driving up to 80 mph.

At some point, the defendant hit a median, the vehicle went over an overpass and landed on its roof 100 feet below. Campbell and his passenger, Ra Thongphun, 30, were ejected from the car.

After the crash, Campbell fled the area, but was later apprehended by police. Authorities pronounced Thongphun dead at the scene.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.